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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

TRENT GEORGE

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Criminal No.

PLEA AGREEMENT

Trent George, the defendant, Camille Knight, the defendant's attorney, and the United States of America (the government), agree as follows:

1. Rights of the Defendant: George understands that he has the following rights:
 - a. To grand jury indictment;
 - b. to plead not guilty;
 - c. to have a trial by jury;
 - d. to have his guilt proven beyond a reasonable doubt;
 - e. to confront and cross-examine witnesses and to call witnesses in his defense; and
 - f. against compelled self-incrimination.

2. Waiver of Rights and Plea of Guilty: George waives these rights and pleads guilty to the offense alleged in Count One of the information charging a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371, Conspiracy to Commit Theft Concerning Programs Receiving Federal Funds. George understands the nature and elements of the crime to which he is

pleading guilty, and agrees that the factual resume he has signed is true and will be submitted as evidence.

3. Sentence: The maximum penalties the Court can impose for Count One include:

- a. imprisonment for a period of not more than 5 years;
- b. a fine not to exceed \$250,000.00, or twice any pecuniary gain to George or loss to the victim(s);
- c. a term of supervised release of not more than three years, which will follow any term of imprisonment. If George violates the conditions of supervised release, he could be imprisoned for the entire term of supervised release;
- d. a mandatory special assessment of \$100;
- e. restitution to victims or to the community, which George agrees will include restitution arising from all relevant conduct, and not limited to that arising from the offense of conviction alone; and
- f. costs of incarceration and supervision.

4. Court's Sentencing Discretion and Role of the Guidelines: George understands that the sentence in this case will be imposed by the Court after consideration of the United States Sentencing Guidelines. The guidelines are not binding on the Court, but are advisory only. George has reviewed the guidelines with his attorney, but understands no one can predict with certainty the outcome of the Court's consideration of the guidelines in this case. George understands that he will not be allowed to withdraw his plea if the applicable advisory guideline range is higher than expected, or if the Court departs from the applicable advisory guideline range. George will not be allowed to withdraw his plea if his sentence is higher than expected. George fully understands that

the actual sentence imposed (so long as it is within the statutory maximum) is solely left to the discretion of the Court.

5. Mandatory special assessment: George agrees to pay to the U.S. District Clerk the amount of \$100.00, in satisfaction of the mandatory special assessment in this case.

6. Defendant's Agreement: George shall give complete and truthful information and/or testimony concerning his participation in the offense of conviction. Upon demand, George shall submit a personal financial statement under oath and submit to interviews by the Government and the U.S. Probation Office regarding his capacity to satisfy any fines or restitution. George expressly authorizes the United States Attorney's Office to immediately obtain a credit report on his in order to evaluate his ability to satisfy any financial obligation imposed by the Court. George fully understands that any financial obligation imposed by the court, including a restitution order and/or the implementation of a fine, is due and payable immediately. In the event the Court imposes a schedule for payment of restitution, George agrees that such a schedule represents a minimum payment obligation and does not preclude the U.S. Attorney's Office from pursuing any other means by which to satisfy George's full and immediately enforceable financial obligation. George understands that he has a continuing obligation to pay in full as soon as possible any financial obligation imposed by the court.

7. Government's Agreement: The Government will not bring any additional charges against George based upon the conduct underlying and related to George's plea of guilty. The Government will dismiss, after sentencing, any remaining charges in the

pending Information. The Government will file a Supplement in this case, as is routinely done in every case, even though there may or may not be any additional terms. This agreement is limited to the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Texas and does not bind any other federal, state, or local prosecuting authorities, nor does it prohibit any civil or administrative proceeding against George or any property.

8. Violation of Agreement: George understands that if he violates any provision of this agreement, or if his guilty plea is vacated or withdrawn, the Government will be free from any obligations of the agreement and free to prosecute George and others for all offenses of which it has knowledge. In such event, George waives any objections based upon delay in prosecution. If the plea is vacated or withdrawn for any reason other than a finding that it was involuntary, George also waives objection to the use against his of any information or statements he has provided to the government, and any resulting leads.

9. Voluntary Plea: This plea of guilty is freely and voluntarily made and is not the result of force or threats, or of promises apart from those set forth in this plea agreement. There have been no guarantees or promises from anyone as to what sentence the Court will impose.

10. Waiver of Right to Appeal or Otherwise Challenge or Seek Reduction in Sentence: George waives his rights, conferred by 28 U.S.C. § 1291 and 18 U.S.C. § 3742, to appeal from his conviction and sentence. He further waives his right to contest his conviction and sentence in any collateral proceeding, including proceedings under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 and 28 U.S.C. § 2255. George reserves the rights (a) to bring a direct

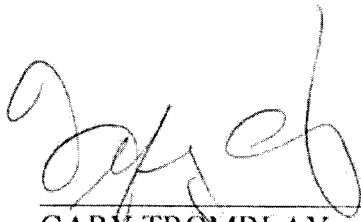
appeal (i) of a sentence exceeding the statutory maximum punishment, or (ii) an arithmetic error at sentencing, (b) to challenge the voluntariness of his plea of guilty or this waiver, and (c) to bring a claim of ineffective assistance of counsel.

11. Representation of Counsel: George has thoroughly reviewed all legal and factual aspects of this case with his lawyer and is fully satisfied with that lawyer's legal representation. George has received from his lawyer explanations satisfactory to his concerning each paragraph of this plea agreement, each of his rights affected by this agreement, and the alternatives available to him other than entering into this agreement. Because he concedes that he is guilty, and after conferring with his lawyer, George has concluded that it is in his best interest to enter into this plea agreement and all its terms, rather than to proceed to trial in this case.

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12. Entirety of Agreement: This document is a complete statement of the parties' agreement and may not be modified unless the modification is in writing and signed by all parties.

Agreed to and signed this 6th day of January, ~~2013~~ 2014



GARY TROMBLAY
Deputy Criminal Chief

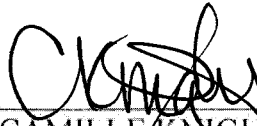
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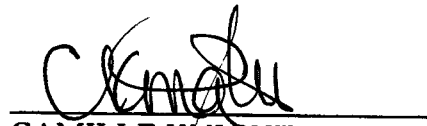
CERTIFICATION

I have read or had read to me this Plea Agreement and have carefully reviewed every part of it with my attorney. I fully understand it and voluntarily agree to it.


TRENT GEORGE
Defendant

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Date

I am the defendant's counsel. I have carefully reviewed every part of this Plea Agreement with the defendant. To my knowledge and belief, my client's decision to enter into this Plea Agreement is an informed and voluntary one.


CAMILLE KNIGHT
Attorney for Defendant

12/20/13
Date